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the far past. These wild olives are very bushy and apparently very drought resistant. 27065. A very large fruited variety of olive, bearing black fruits the size of a small plum. Although the climate of this part of the Caucasus is rather too moist for olives, this variety fruits regularly here. (Meyer's introduction.)

ORYZA SATIVA. 27321-332. Twelve sorts of native rices from the Philippine Islands. Received through Mr. Wm. S. Lyon. No. 27321 is a very fragrant glutinous rice. No. 27322 is a black rice, most prolific known, yielding 100 or more to 1. No. 27332 has a native name meaning "exceptionally white".

ORYZA SATIVA. 27333-334. Two varieties of rice from Cairo, Egypt. Presented by Mr. George P. Foaden.

PHILADELPHUS SP. 27089. From near Gagri, Caucasus. A mock orange found on stony mountain slopes and cliffs. Apparently very floriferous. Of value as an ornamental flowering shrub in mild wintered regions. (Meyer's introduction.)

PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA. 26946-948. Dates from Panj Ghur, Baluchistan. Procured by Mr. John A. Ray, American Consul, Maskat, Oman, Arabia. PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA. 26980. From the region of El-Hassa, Arabia. "These dates are called 'khullas' meaning 'pure, extra fine'. They have quite a reputation for sweetness, but the original flavor is unfortunately obscured by the addition of cummin seed." (Ray.)

PHOTINIA VILLOSA LAEVIS. 27188. From near Berlin, Germany. A tall bush with dark green, persistent foliage. Covered in late summer and autumn with scarlet berries. Of ornamental value in gardens and parks. (Meyer's introduction.)

PINUS ARMANDI. 27046. From France, through Mr. F. N. Meyer. A new, rather dwarfed pine from Western China.

PRIMULA VULGARIS. 27068. From near Souchoum Kale, Caucasus. Var. sibthorpii. A beautiful wild primrose growing along moist embankments, producing masses of rather large flowers of a very beautiful purplish blue color. To be given to a specialist in herbaceous plants. (Meyer's introduction.)